

Remarks

This paper is filed in response to a phone call received from Examiner Leroux on August 29, 2007. Examiner Leroux expressed confusion regarding the amendment to the specification requested in the Amendment and Response mailed December 11, 2006 (hereinafter "the Second Response").

To address this issue, we must refer to the Amendment and Response mailed July 31, 2006 (hereinafter "the First Response"). On page 5 of the First Response, the Applicant requested "Amendments to the Index of Figures" as follows:

Please insert on page 38 at about line 3, after "The Time Cube" , showing schematically a Time cube with the X-axis being valid time, the time at which values of attributes are valid, the Yaxis being transaction time at which data is queried, and different positions on the Z-axis (not referenced on the drawing) representing different attributes of an entity.

This amendment to the specification was apparently requested in response to the Examiner's statement on page 3 of the Office Action mailed April 13, 2006 that "Figure 1 shows a time cube with X time Axis 102, Y Time axis 128 but the Z Axis is not identified. It is unclear if the Z axis is a time axis." However, the Applicant incorrectly identified the location of the requested amendment. The request *should* have stated as follows:

Please amend the specification beginning at page 36, line 12:

Figure 1 – The Time Cube, showing schematically a Time cube with the X-axis being valid time, the time at which values of attributes are valid, the Yaxis being transaction time at which data is queried, and different positions on the Z-axis (not referenced on the drawing) representing different attributes of an entity.

On page 2 of the Second Response, under Amendments to the Specification, the Applicant requested an amendment as follows:

In the paragraph on page 38, at about line 3, icorrectly reading "The Time Cube", showing schematically a time cube with the X-axis being valid time, the time at which

values of attributes are valid, the Yaxis being transaction time at which data is queried, and different positions on the Z-axis [(not referenced on the drawing)] representing different attributes of an entity". Please delete the words in square brackets [(not referenced on the drawings)], because the replacement sheet of drawings does reference the Z-axis.

This amendment to the specification was apparently requested because the Applicant had submitted a replacement page 1 of the drawings showing a Z axis and labeling it. Again, however, the Applicant incorrectly identified the location of this amendment. The request *should* have stated as follows:

Please amend the specification by replacing the paragraph beginning at page 36, line 12 with the following paragraph marked to show a deletion:

Figure 1 – The Time Cube, showing schematically a Time cube with the X-axis being valid time, the time at which values of attributes are valid, the Yaxis being transaction time at which data is queried, and different positions on the Z-axis (~~not referenced on the drawing~~) representing different attributes of an entity.

An Advisory Action was issued on January 8, 2007, which stated that the proposed amendments filed with the Second Response would not be entered because they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search.

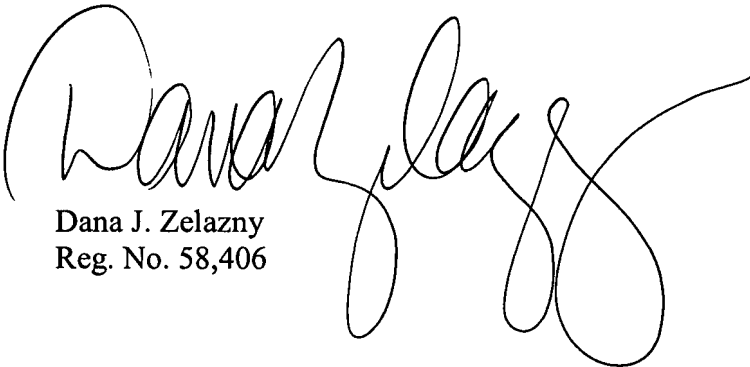
An Amendment and RCE was filed on March 5, 2007 in response to the Advisory Action. No amendment to the above-referenced portion of the specification was requested.

If, as it appears, the amendment to the specification filed with the Second Response was not entered, the Applicant would like to take this opportunity to request that it be entered, or if that is not possible, to amend the specification as indicated on page 2 of this paper.

Conclusion

No fee is believed to be necessary for entry of this Amendment. However, if a fee is necessary, please charge deposit account 13-3080 for any such fee. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned with any questions or comments.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dana J. Zelazny". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and a long, sweeping tail.

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